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CLARK B. TANNER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 2nd day of November, 1903.

J. W. POYNTER.
Notary Public.

THE ELECTION.

We are on the eve of the election and both parties express supreme confidence in the result. Chairman Mack and Chairman Hitchcock claim over 300 electoral votes for their particular candidates. We believe the popular vote is going to be closer than it has been in any national election for years. There is no question but that Taft will get far fewer votes than Roosevelt. Even the Republicans leaders concede this. On the other hand, Bryan will poll many hundreds of thousands more ballots than Parker did in 1904. The Democratic party is more united than it has been in any election since 1896, when Bryan first appeared in the field.

There is great unrest among the laboring men. The hard times of the last year and the forcing of the injunction issue to the front have caused a more active movement among the workingmen than is usually apparent. There seems to be little question that this agitation is helping the Democratic leader.

Another factor that is cutting some little figure is the religion of Mr. Taft. He is a Unitarian and in some of the country districts this fact seems to be influencing some votes against him.

The latest forecasts from New York seem to favor the Republicans. The great New York papers all incline to the view that Taft will win the State with a close fight between Hughes and Chandler for Governor.

The straw votes and observations from all sources seem to indicate that both Indiana and Ohio are very close with the trend in favor of Bryan in Indiana and slightly in favor of Taft in Ohio. Ohio has been so long a safe Republican State, has cast its electoral vote so steadily for the Republican ticket in every national election since the war, that it is hard to conceive that it may go Democratic this year, particularly when a favorite son is the Candidate.

While the popular vote will, we believe, be close, we think that the winner will have a substantial majority, in the electoral college. The result will be decided by a few States. If Bryan captures New and Ohio he wins easily. If Taft carries these two States, he will have a big majority in the electoral college.

In Kentucky the outlook is for a Democratic victory. Up to the last month the State was conceded to the Democratic ticket. But within the last few weeks there has been a feeling among the Republicans that they had a chance. And some of the great papers have put the State in the Democratic column. For ourselves, we believe that the Democratic party will carry Kentucky.

HALLOWEEN.

The boys evidently took our advice on Saturday night. It was the quietest Halloween in years. Little or no damage was done so far as we have heard. The street car was moved a block or two. But evidently it was too old and wornout for even a Halloween party of boys to carry off. We think we could have forgiven them even if it had wholly disappeared. And we are satisfied the Traction Company would have welcomed its disappearance as it would have saved them the expense of its final destruction.

We understand that Winchester is to have a better car and better service beginning Tuesday of this week. We trust that the report is correct, but we propose to wait and see before commenting on it.

THE COUNTRY IS TO BE CONGRATULATED.

The question of who is to be president for the next four years is to be settled tomorrow. Each party exaggerates the benefits which will result from its success; each overestimates the harmful results in the event their opponents are successful.

This is a great country and it will continue to grow and prosper in either event. There has been a financial depression for the past year and, as is usual in such cases, the party in power is held responsible. It is always so. As a matter of fact, the dominant party usually has little to do with it.

In the tomorrow's result, the depression of the defeated will be offset by the elation of the victors. Whoever is elected, will be given credit for all the good that comes, and will be charged with all the harm done. The party paper will approve of every act if it be done by their candidate; the opposition will criticize every act whether good or bad. We occupy an advantageous ground. We, as an independent paper, can praise the good and condemn the evil in either organization.

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Taft differ as to policies; but not as to purposes. Both are high toned gentlemen; both are men of very fine character; both are devoted Americans. The one that is chosen, whether it be Mr. Bryan or Mr. Taft, will, to the best of his ability, do all in his power for the upbuilding of this great country.

It is seldom in our history that we have had to choose between two such men. Usually one or the other of the candidates has been named, not because of his preeminent ability to fill the position, but because of political exigencies. We have had Fillmore and Polk and Buchanan and Hayes, good men; but not of the highest caliber.

Mr. Bryan has been long in the public eye; he has grown steadily in his grasp of great questions. Mr. Taft has been a great Judge, a great colonial governor and a successful administrator of a great office. Whoever is chosen, the United States is to be congratulated on getting a good President.

BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT

That Success Will Come to Their Parties at the Polls Tomorrow.

New York, Nov. 2.—Chairman Mack of the Democratic national committee, says: "Reports I have received from the middle west, and even as far west as the coast, indicate a landslide for Bryan. Notwithstanding the Republican 'slush fund' turned loose to affect the betting, we will win on Tuesday next, with more than three hundred electoral votes."

Chairman Hitchcock, of the Republican national committee says: "Taft will have 325 electoral votes. The 'solid south' will be broken by Bryan losing Maryland and probably Missouri and Kentucky. Ohio is safe for the Republican party, and with the possible exception of Montana and Nevada, we will carry the entire north."

What They Claim in Ohio.

Columbus, O., Nov. 2.—W. L. Finley, chairman of Democratic state committee, says: "Bryan's plurality will exceed 50,000. I shall not be surprised at any figure beyond that. We shall elect a Democratic legislature and send James E. Campbell to the United States senate. We shall elect a majority of the congressional delegation from Ohio, and shall elect Judge Harmon and the entire Democratic state ticket."

Henry A. Williams, chairman Republican state committee, says: "Judge Taft will carry Ohio by not less than 75,000 plurality, and the plurality of Governor Harris and the state ticket will be substantially the same. The Republicans will have a majority in both branches of the general assembly and will gain one representative in the national congress."

EACH ESTIMATES ON WIDE MARGIN

Mack and Hitchcock Stand by Their Figures.

CANDIDATES KEEP AT IT

Republican Chairman Says Mack Counts States Conceded by Local Leaders to Be Republican, and Democratic Chairman Says Only Thing That Can Defeat Bryan is Corrupt Use of Money—Has Issued Orders to Get Vote Out Early.

New York, Nov. 2.—At both Republican and Democratic headquarters in this city it was announced that the work of the respective organizations in the campaign of 1908 was at an end. National Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock of the Republican committee and National Chairman Norman E. Mack of the Democratic committee have gone home to vote, and will return to this city Tuesday afternoon to receive returns at headquarters.

Messrs. Mack and Hitchcock adhered to the forecasts given out on Friday and Saturday, the Democratic chairman contending that Mr. Bryan will receive 333 votes and Mr. Hitchcock announcing himself as positive in his belief that Mr. Taft will have 325 votes in the electoral college. As only 242 votes are necessary to elect, both chairmen are figuring on wide margins for their respective candidates. While the national chairmen believe that all has been done that can be done to elect their chiefs, the candidates themselves will continue in the fight until practically the last minutes. Mr. Taft spoke in Cleveland, O., this afternoon, and goes from there to Youngstown, where he speaks at night, hurrying thence to Cincinnati to vote on Tuesday and hear the results of the election. Mr. Bryan is putting in the day campaigning in northwestern Kansas, and will be at Lincoln for a homecoming demonstration this evening.

At Republican headquarters in the Metropolitan tower it was asserted that Chairman Mack's estimate of 333 votes for Mr. Bryan had been expected in view of the same claims made earlier in the campaign. It was further said that Mr. Mack had included in his list states that were practically conceded by state leaders to be Republican. It was also said that Mr. Hitchcock was willing to stand or fall by his prediction of 325 votes made on Friday, and was perfectly satisfied that it would be more nearly correct than Mr. Mack's when the returns are in.

Mr. Mack declared that "the only thing that can defeat Mr. Bryan is the corrupt use of money." He said he had sent his last instructions to state chairmen to get out their vote early and to see that it was fairly counted.

"We are through," said Chairman Hitchcock. "Our fight is won. It was made on the plans agreed upon at the beginning of the campaign."

The Democratic national committee bases its belief that Mr. Bryan will be elected on the following four reasons, which have been incorporated into a statement by National Committeeman Josephus Daniel, chairman of the literary bureau:

"Bryan will be elected because the Democracy today presents a united front. Further, the Democratic party will be augmented by thousands of Republicans dissatisfied with the mistakes of 12 years of Republican administration.

"This army of voters will be further strengthened by a new force in American politics—the labor vote. Assuming there were to be a strict party line-up at election, the labor vote itself would turn the scales to Democratic success. The labor party has put all its eggs into the Democratic basket and it must win to save them.

"Mr. Bryan himself has gained wonderful personal strength in the last few years in all parts of the country, and thousands of voters who neither understood him nor his aims now place their absolute trust in him and his policies.

"The Democratic national committee has brought all the elements of the party together; it has the labor vote, and its remarkable accessions of strength from the Republican ranks, together with Mr. Bryan's strength with the masses, are the reasons why this nation will turn to Democracy."

Mr. Mack in a statement attacked the Republican party for not immediately making their campaign contributions public. The chairman said: "The denial by President Roosevelt and the denial by Secretary Cortelyou of getting money from the big interests desiring government favors were more vigorous in 1904 than they are today. But after the election it leaked out that the trusts and allied interests gave big sums. Mr. Harrison himself raising \$260,000 which, he says, changed 50,000 votes in New York city alone. Men like John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie were not then publicly advocating the Republican ticket and putting their fortunes at the disposal of the Republican committee. The money paid in then by the Standard Oil trust, the

steel trust, Harriman and others is but a mere bagatelle compared with the millions which Rockefeller and Carnegie and Morgan are pouring into this campaign in the last days in the desperate attempt to stem the irresistible tide that will carry Mr. Bryan into the White House."

Only Interest Is In Size.

Boston, Nov. 2.—With the election only a matter of hours and the Republicans conceded to be in complete command of the situation in Massachusetts on the national contest, interest in Tuesday's battle in this state centered in the size of the vote and Mr. Taft's plurality. Although Taft will carry the state, according to all political observers, Lieutenant Governor Draper's contest for the governorship with Senator James H. Vahey is somewhat more in doubt. The Republican managers look for the election of their candidate for governor by a substantial plurality, while the Democratic leaders state that Senator Vahey's election is not improbable. It is thought that the ratio between the two parties, with the Republicans well in the majority, will remain about the same.

Chairmen Equally Confident.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—"Illinois is ours." This was the claim of both Republican and Democratic parties. Roy O. West, chairman of the Republican state committee, said that Governor Deneen undoubtedly would be re-elected and that the Republicans would elect from Illinois 19 Republican members of congress. Chairman Boesehenstein of the Democratic state committee was equally confident that the Democrats would elect for governor Adlai E. Stevenson. He said the Democratic majority in the state would be above 60,000.

Both Claim Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 2.—The Sunday before election was an unusually quiet one throughout the state. The leaders reiterated their claims, the Bryan men declaring their candidate would poll at least 15,000 more votes than his opponent, while the Republican managers claim the state, with 10,000 as their bottom figure. With fair weather a large vote is assured, and impartial observers are not inclined to make predictions other than that the winner's plurality will be comparatively small, with chances favoring Bryan.

Women Carry Red Flags.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—A parade in which women carried red flags and banners was a feature of the closing of the campaign of the Socialist party here. In accordance with an order from the police that no red flags without mottoes would be allowed, the women, who formed a section of the parade, had their banners decorated with signs asserting that the Socialist party promised woman suffrage. After the parade Eugene V. Debs, Socialist candidate for president, addressed a large meeting.

Minnesota Democrats Confident.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 2.—The campaign in Minnesota will close tonight when Governor J. A. Johnson, Democrat, will make his closing address in St. Paul and his Republican opponent, J. F. Jacobson, will make his final appeal to the voters at Minneapolis. The gubernatorial race is claimed by both parties, the Democrats claiming Johnson's re-election by 50,000 plurality, while the Republicans say Jacobson will be elected by a safe plurality.

Both Claim Delaware.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 2.—Both the Republicans and Democrats are claiming this state for their respective presidential candidates. The former state that Taft will carry the state by 8,000, while the Democrats say Bryan will have a majority of at least 5,000. Both sides claim the governorship and the election of a congressman.

Chairmen Stick to Predictions.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 2.—There were no developments in the political situation. Neither the Republican nor Democratic state chairman has altered his figures on the result, the former claiming Taft's election by 40,000 and the latter a Bryan victory of not less than 17,000.

Fair Weather Promised.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Generally fair weather for election day throughout the United States, with the possible exception of the region extending from the North Pacific coast over the northern Rocky mountain states, was predicted by the weather bureau.

Washington Indorses Taft.

Columbus, O., Nov. 2.—Arthur I. Vorys, Judge Taft's chief of staff, has received a letter from Dr. Booker T. Washington, in which he states his confidence in Judge Taft's judgment and ability. He refers to the candidate's connection with the Jeanes fund for negro education, and says his interest in the colored race is not new nor spasmodic. He closes by saying that he believes that the bulk of the colored voters of the country have decided to cast their ballots for Judge Taft.

President Issues Proclamation.

Washington, Nov. 2.—The president has issued the annual Thanksgiving proclamation, in which he pointed out the steady growth of the nation in strength, worldly power, wealth and population, and that our average of individual comfort and well being is higher than that of any other country in the world. For this, he declares, Americans owe it to the Almighty to show equal progress in moral and spiritual things.

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RUSSIA WILL OPPOSE BOSNIA'S ANNEXION.

Has Determined to Drop the Idea of International Congress.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 2.—Interest in the Balkan situation is centered in the positive statements of several parliamentary leaders that Russia has determined to drop the idea of the proposed international Congress and will refuse to recognize the annexation by Austria-Hungary of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This information, although purporting to be from official sources, is not entirely exact. Russia has finally committed herself to the principle that the question of the annexation of the provinces may be discussed in a conference of the Powers, and Austria will permit the status of Bosnia to be included in the program, but only on condition that the delegates will refrain from questioning her action, and content themselves with registering the abrogation of the article referring to this matter in the Berlin treaty.

Wit and Nonsense.

When one runs after wit he is sure to catch nonsense.—Montesquieu.

DEEDS AND TRANSFERS.

The following real estate deeds and transfers have been filed in the County Clerk's office for record:

Martha Brown to D. B. Hampton, 127 acres of land on Four Mile pike for \$900.
James H. Lysle and wife to D. B. Hampton, one and one half acres of land on the Two Mile pike for \$396.
S. T. Prewitt and wife to D. B. Hampton, 14 acres of land near the Fair grounds for \$2,115.75.
W. H. Allan and wife to William Rucker and wife, a lot in Poynterville for \$150.
James Cooper and wife to John S. Thomas, one acre of land on the Ruckerville pike for \$20.
James Cooper and wife, to J. W. Adams, one half acre of land on the Ruckerville pike for \$30.
Will Rucker and wife, to Frank Crow, four acres of land on the Conkright pike for \$162.50.
Nancy B. Rewitt and others to William Rupard, nine acres of land on Upper Howards creek for \$644.20.
D. V. Owen and wife to Mrs. Lida Holladay, a lot on Hickman street for \$2,000 and other valuable considerations.

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